

WARMING CENTERS OPEN THIS WEEKEND HARTFORD CARES: HELPING THOSE IN NEED

---NEWS ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 22---

8:30 a.m. --- Inaugural Newscast: Mayor Pedro E. Segarra will appear on Fox CT Weekend Morning News to discuss his recent trip to Washington D.C. to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting where job creation and economic development were top priorities. The Mayor will also discuss the warming centers that will be open in Hartford to help residents find relief from this bitter cold weather.

10:00 a.m. --- Helping those in need: Mayor Segarra will be with Rev. Cornell Lewis and members of the Men and Women of Color Initiative as they hand out sandwiches to men, women, and children in need at the North End Church of Christ, located at 687 Albany Avenue. The organization has been feeding people every Saturday for two years since President Obama's call to action that all Americans need to do their part to help others.

"It is particularly important during these difficult economic times and during this bitter cold spell to remember those who are less fortunate. On Monday, we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which once again inspired all of us to reach out to our neighbors in this time of need. Hartford and our community partners are also pleased that federal funds will continue to help us make a difference in the lives of the homeless--- helping them transition from homelessness to hopefulness. \$5 million in HUD grants is a true investment in our community efforts," says Mayor Segarra.

This weekend, the following areas will be open as warming centers for residents:

Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church 500 Woodland Street, Hartford

Immaculate Conception (**Regular shelter & overflow**) 560 Park Street, Hartford

McKinney Shelter 34 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford

Mercy Housing and Shelter St. Elizabeth House 118 Main Street, Hartford

Open Hearth Shelter 437 Sheldon Street, Hartford

Salvation Army/ Marshall House (**Regular shelter & overflow**) 224 South Marshall Street, Hartford

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